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Date: 21 Feb 93 06:32:35 GMT
From: news.cerf.net!pagesat!olivea!sgigate!sgiblab!munnari.oz.au!metro!
mippet.ci.com.au!eram!dave@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Daily IPS Report - 20 Feb 93
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES AUSTRALIA
Daily Solar And Geophysical Report
Issued at 2330 UT 19 February 1993
Summary for 19 February and Forecast up to 22 February
IPS Warning No. 04, issued on 19 FEB, is still current.

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY

Activity: low

Flares: none.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 116/067

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	20 February	21 February	22 February
Activity	Low	Low	Low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 115/066

1C. SOLAR COMMENT
None.

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : quiet to unsettled

Estimated Indices :	A	K	Observed A Index 18 February
Learmonth	07	3321 1122	
Fredericksburg	07		10
Planetary	07		11

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : unsettled to active with possible isolated minor storm periods.
Ap : 25

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT
None.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY
Propagation conditions :
Low Lats: Normal.
Mid Lats: Normal.
High Lats: Normal.
PCA Event : None.
3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST
Propagation conditions at high and mid latitudes are expected to be degraded over the next three days.
3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT
None.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY
MUFs at Sydney were near predicted February values. Sporadic E at
10-11UT and 21UT, and spread F at 13-15UT may have degraded F layer
communications at these times.

T index: 84

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

	20 February	21 February	22 February
MUFs	near predicted	near predicted	near predicted
T index	60	60	50

Predicted Monthly T Index for February is 60.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT
Low latitude circuits should be relatively unaffected by the forecast
disturbance.

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IPS Warning No. 04, issued on 19 FEB, is still current.

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY
Activity: low

Flares: none

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 123/75

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	21 February	22 February	23 February
Activity	Low	Low	Low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 125/77

1C. SOLAR COMMENT
None.

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : unsettled with active levels
09-15UT and 21-24UT.
High latitudes experienced major storm levels from 06-09UT.

Estimated Indices :	A	K	Observed A Index 19 February
Learmonth	18	3334 4333	
Fredericksburg	21		08
Planetary	20		07

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : unsettled with active levels
during night hours.
Ap : 18

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT
The field is expected to become more disturbed on the 22nd due
to a returning coronal hole.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY
Propagation conditions :
Low Lats: Normal.
Mid Lats: Normal.
High Lats: Poor to fair.
PCA Event : None.
3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST
Propagation conditions are expected to remain degraded at high
latitudes.
3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT
None.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY
MUFs at Sydney were enhanced 20-40% from 01-19UT and near February
predicted values otherwise.

T index: 108

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

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         21 February         22 February         23 February
MUFs     near predicted      near predicted      near predicted
T index  60                  50                  50

Predicted Monthly T Index for February is 60.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT
None.

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mippet.ci.com.au!eram!dave@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Daily IPS Report - 22 Feb 93
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES AUSTRALIA
Daily Solar And Geophysical Report
Issued at 2330 UT 21 February 1993
Summary for 21 February and Forecast up to 24 February
IPS Warning No. 04, issued on 19 FEB, is still current.
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1A. SOLAR SUMMARY
Activity: moderate

Flares    Max     Fadeout    Begin   End    Freq.  Sectors
 M1/SF    0043UT  possible                  lower  Pacific

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 123/075

1B. SOLAR FORECAST
            22 February        23 February        24 February
Activity    Low                Low                Low
Fadeouts    None expected      None expected      None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 125/077

1C. SOLAR COMMENT
None.
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2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY
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Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : unsettled with minor storm levels
12-15UT and active levels thereafter.

Estimated Indices :	A	K	Observed A Index 20 February
Learmonth	22	3233 5444	
Fredericksburg	15		22
Planetary	20		24

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : unsettled with active to minor storm levels.
Ap : 21

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT
None.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY
Propagation conditions :
Low Lats: Normal.
Mid Lats: Normal.
High Lats: Poor.
PCA Event : None.
3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST
Propagation conditions are expected to be poor at high latitudes over the next two days.
3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT
None.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY
MUFs at Sydney were near predicted monthly values apart from a 30% depression at 00UT. A short wave fadeout may have affected lower frequencies around 0043UT. Spread F may have degraded F layer communications at 23UT.

T index: 46

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

	22 February	23 February	24 February
MUFs	depressed about 15%	near predicted	near predicted
T index	50	60	75

Predicted Monthly T Index for February is 60.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT
Higher latitudes will probably experience degraded conditions today.

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Date: 24 Feb 93 09:42:56 GMT
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mippet.ci.com.au!eram!dave@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Daily IPS Report - 24 Feb 93
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES AUSTRALIA
Daily Solar And Geophysical Report
Issued at 2330 UT 23 February 1993
Summary for 23 February and Forecast up to 26 February
No IPS warning is current.

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY
Activity: low

Flares: none.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 132/084

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	24 February	25 February	26 February
Activity	Low	Low	Low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 135/087

1C. SOLAR COMMENT
None.

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : quiet to unsettled

Estimated Indices :	A	K	Observed A Index 22 February
Learmonth	10	3322 2322	
Fredericksburg	08		22
Planetary	10		30

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST

Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : quiet to unsettled
Ap : 10

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT
None.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY
Propagation conditions :
Low Lats: Normal.
Mid Lats: Normal.
High Lats: Normal.
PCA Event : None.
3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST
Propagation conditions are expected to be normal.
3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT
None.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY
MUFs at Sydney were near predicted February values.

T index: 58

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

	24 February	25 February	26 February
MUFs	enhanced to 25%	enhanced to 30%	enhanced to 30%
T index	85	95	95

Predicted Monthly T Index for February is 60.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT
None.

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Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1993 00:30:05 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!
stanford.edu!Csli!kawai@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: mail-order -- good experiences
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Dear all

I thought I'd let you know about my good experiences with a few mail-order firms. One hears so many complaints about wrong orders and sulky salespeople that I feel it's important to point out there are good folks out there, too!

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(1) Kepro

Kepro deals in stuff to make printed circuit boards. They sell copper-clad boards, resist pens, UV lightbulbs, etchant, and other supplies you would associate with making circuit boards. They also sell production-grade equipment, too, but regular hams wouldn't buy stuff like that. One thing they don't carry, curiously, is flux.

When I called their 800 number, a knowledgeable and pleasant person explained what they sell, what their photoresist kit includes and doesn't include, how to use their kits, and all sorts of other things.

My order was shipped UPS ground (due to etchant being a corrosive chemical). Arrived as promised, no problems. I'd order from them again, and probably soon will for supplies.

Kepro Circuit Systems
630 Axminister Drive
Fenton, MO 63026-2992

(800)325-3878

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(2) Moteng

Moteng sells Maglite flashlights. They probably sell other stuff, too, but I didn't ask. I needed 55 Maglite flashlights, and Mag Instruments (the manufacturer) recommended Moteng. They quoted me a very low price and gave me a quantity discount. Prices were 40 percent lower than my local store.

My order was shipped UPS ground (due to heavy shipping weight and no advantage using UPS 2nd-day). Arrived as promised, no problems. If I ever need to order any more Maglite flashlights, I'd order from Moteng.

Interestingly, Mag Instruments was rather callous about my inquiry. Took them five days and several faxes to get a reply, which was "I can't sell you what you want". Good merchandise, bad salesmanship!

Moteng International
7044 Carroll Road
San Diego, CA 92121

(619)625-2777
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(3) Easytech

Easytech sells electronic parts and tools. I like their electronic parts section especially. No minimum order, lots in stock (what they list in their catalog, they really do have in stock, at least as far as I know), and best of all, you can order over the phone -- even small parts with confusing part numbers -- and they are very nice about it, even if you're only buying one of each.

I've been backordered only once with Easytech (I've ordered many times), and that was for a part that the manufacturer never shipped (bankruptcy or something), and Easytech eventually notified me they can't sell the stuff. That's okay.

I have a feeling they're not doing awfully well financially, with the depression and all. I feel sorry for them, and try to order as often as I can, but there's a limit to what I can do. It would be a shame to have them go out of business. They really are very nice.

If you're tired of driving to a store, poring over small plastic bags with resitors, capacitors or semiconductors in them, finding half of what you came for but not the other half, going to another store but still not finding everything, and after three stores, going home with about 70 percent of what you wanted and 100 more miles on your car, then give Easytech a call.

EasyTech
2917 Bayview Drive
Fremont, CA 94538

(800)582-4044

Well, that's it! I'd love to hear your experiences also.

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Date: 16 Feb 93 23:08:00 GMT
From: pacbell.com!sgiblab!munnari.oz.au!metro!mippet.ci.com.au!eram!
dave@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: QRP amplifier ---> shorting stick
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Feb11.100940.1@ttd.teradyne.com>,
    rice@ttd.teradyne.com writes:

| HuH ???? P = IxE 900V x 100,000A = 90,000,000W = 90 Megawatts. I'd sure like
| a description of how they supply that kind of power thru one junction point.

Plainly you've never seen how bauxite is smeltered... The local aluminIum
plants around here have their own captive power station!

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Date: Tue, 23 Feb 1993 23:08:25 GMT
From: pa.dec.com!engage.pko.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!nntpd2.cxo.dec.com!
32799.enet.dec.com!yanagi@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Soldering PL259's
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

    I've heard that PL259's are not waterproof and 9913 cable (with it's
    air dielectric) will be destroyed if water gets into it. N-type
    connectors are supposed to be waterproof.

    What I've done is put N connectors on the cable and used a N female to
    PL259 coupler, and covered the whole mess (at the antenna) with coax
    seal.

    Keep this in mind with your coax!

    73 John N2KJM

Date: 26 Feb 93 04:38:22 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!bobw@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: too darn big!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

gary@ke4zv.uucp (Gary Coffman) writes:
> In article <1993Feb25.005736.12188@mksol.dseg.ti.com> blair@dseg.ti.com writes:
> >>>Every day 50 to 100 messages pass thru this group. It's gotten too big to
> >>>keep up with. How many people would like to see some division? Maybe
> >>>seperate groups for packet, roll-your-own 'rs, mods, antennas, antiques, etc.
> >>>Art. KB0DSI
> >

> >>We've split it twice before. It hasn't helped. The best solution is a
> >>threaded newsreader, or if you get the group by mail, a smart mail
> >>agent can do the same thing for you.
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> >it did help or the newsgroup would be even worse.
> >Art.
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> Judge for yourself. The other two groups are rec.radio.amateur.packet
> and rec.radio.amateur.policy. How many packet questions have you seen
> here? How many on regulatory matters? The packet group gets used a bit
> more, but the policy group is largely ignored. Neither has as much
> volume *on their specific topics* as the general group. This indicates
> to me that both are failures in moving these discussions off the general
> group.
>
> Gary
>

   Its not perfect, that's for sure ('course, few things involving humans
   are). But I think the re-org has at least helped. r.r.a.packet seems
   to attract the packet oriented discussions. r.r.swap basically works
   except for the occasional inappropriate posting. r.r.a.policy is the
   most underutilized (those ranting and raving anti-code, pro-code-choice,
   CW-sucks, I-want-a-license-without-a-test folks just can't seem to
   get the point that r.r.a.misc is the wrong place to flame away.:-).
   r.r.info seems to work (of course, they cheated, its a moderated group).

   Is there another slice to r.r.a.misc that makes sense?

 Bob Witte / HP Colo Springs / bobw@col.hp.com   / KB0CY

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1993 00:21:51 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!
news.byu.edu!news.mtholyoke.edu!news.unomaha.edu!cwis!pschleck@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: too darn big!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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>keep up with. How many people would like to see some division? Maybe
>seperate groups for packet, roll-your-own 'rs, mods, antennas, antiques, etc.
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Well, when this has come up in the past, the general feeling is that the

discussions on this group are far too intertwined to neatly break out into sub-heirarchies. Most hams want to read all of the topics you mention anyway. It would also be a maintenance nightmare for the mailing-list gateways that Brian Kantor maintains (and we seem to have more than our share of mailing-list subscribers and non-traditional news sites in the rec.radio.* heirarchy).

You might want to try the nn newsreader, which not only sorts threads, but the latest version supports a "kill all unread threads" feature. One of the simplest newsreaders, rn, supports kill-files, and can run on very minimal Unix-based hardware (both newsreaders can be found on wuarchive.wustl.edu under /packages/news/readers).

Unlike Gary, KE4ZV, I tend to think that *.policy at least has the effect of quickly shunting to ground most legalistic flame-wars (as the response to a run-on argument isn't "shut up!" which only causes more argument, but rather "take it to policy!" which gets it out of the way of readers of *.misc, and usually causes it to flame-out rather quickly). For more examples of this phenomenon, see any of the comp.* heirarchies that have an *.advocacy group (thanks to Jay Maynard for pointing this out to me).

Nevertheless, having just come off of a vote for a new newsgroup, I'd be willing to concede that the solutions to all problems cannot be assumed to be "given." If someone wants to undertake a formal RFD process, I'd certainly support it in principle. It might very well prove to be educational, and clear up some possible misunderstandings about who really reads this newsgroup and what they want to see.

73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

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Date: 26 Feb 93 00:43:56 GMT
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Subject: Weekly IPS Report - 26 Feb 93
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

19 FEBRUARY - 25 FEBRUARY 1993

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

February 19
Solar activity was low.
The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was quiet to unsettled.
Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were near predicted February values. Sporadic E at 10-11UT and 21UT, and spread F at 13-15UT may have degraded F layer communications at these times.

February 20
Solar activity was low.
The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was unsettled with active levels 09-15UT.
Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were enhanced 20-40% from 01-19UT. Near February predicted values otherwise.

February 21
Solar activity was moderate, with an M1/SF at 0043UT.
The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was unsettled with active levels 15-24UT and minor storm levels 12-15UT.
Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were near predicted monthly values apart from a 30% depression at 00UT. A short wave fadeout may have affected lower frequencies around 0043UT. Spread F may have degraded F layer communications at 23UT.

February 22
Solar activity was low.
The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was unsettled to active.
Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were depressed 15-20% 00-04UT, enhanced 25% 11-13UT and at 18UT, and near February predicted values otherwise. Spread F may have degraded F layer communications 09, 18 and 22-23UT.

February 23
Solar activity was low.
The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was quiet to unsettled.

Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were near predicted February values.

February 24
Solar activity low.

The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was quiet.
Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were near normal

February 25
Solar activity was low.
The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was quiet.
Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were near normal to
20% enhanced.

FORECAST FOR THE NEXT WEEK (26 - 4 MARCH)

SOLAR: Low to moderate.

GEOMAGNETIC: Quiet to unsettled with active and possible brief
minor storm periods 27 FEB - 1 MAR.

IONOSPHERIC: 20% enhanced on predicted Feb values early in the
week, near predicted thereafter.

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Date: 25 Feb 1993 17:05:24 GMT
From: sun-barr!west.West.Sun.COM!l1-a!flloyd@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Feb24.134012.9523@ke4zv.uucp>,
<1993Feb25.005736.12188@mksol.dseg.ti.com>, <1993Feb25.114922.16051@ke4zv.uucp>
Subject : Re: too darn big!

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>group.
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Gary's right. The r.r.a.misc news group has a lot in common with
the 20 Meter band. The most successful sub-group of ham radio is
rec.radio.swap, but, lately it's been polluted with non-sale related
commentary and advice.

Rec.radio.amateur.policy is mostly the rathole-of-the-month section
where any pet topic will be toasted to a crisp faster than you can
say "CW sucks", "No-code ruins the hobby", or "Let's do away with
testing", ad infinitum..... zzzzzzzzzzz... huh? What's that?....

There are several ways to organize and regulate this newsgroup:

a) Make it moderated.
b) Appoint several "monitors" who will happily shout
   down and redirect any inappropriate postings.
c) Post a 100KB weekly r.r.a.m netetiquitte treatise
   which serves as the gospel charter of the group.
d) Re-organize the ham radio newsgroups into hierarhical
   areas divided by the participant's license class.
   This way, just like on 20M, there will be more
   civilized and "gentlmanly" postings as you advance
   through the hobby.
e) Open up the secret, hidden newsgroup, rec.radio.amateur
f) Reinstate the original rec.ham-radio hierarchy,
   abandoning the politically correct "amateur" terminology.

(Uh Oh, this is starting to sound like a policy posting... is it
policy or is it misc? What is policy anyway? Is policy just
another euphamism for CW? Is .policy where civilized people go to
rant and rave instead of exposing themselves in front of the .misc
world? Well, it must be time to make a call for votes: how
about rec.radio.amateur.emotional.topics?)

Well, the whole mess we have here just goes to show that you can't
trust people to abide by policy without physical barriers. That's
why we have divided highways, that's why they have corral fences
that show grown up people how to stand in line at burger king and
that's why radio manufacturers build their radios so as to not
transmit very far outside of the ham bands. You just can't trust
the masses to follow policy. Ham radio is open to the masses.

Out of all my rediculous suggestions above, only a) seems to have
any merit whatsoever. Unfortunately, too many people will continue
to argue _for_ anarchy and so this is the structure that we're
destined to live with. It's not that bad really, as long as you can
simply accept it for what it is.

-fred

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